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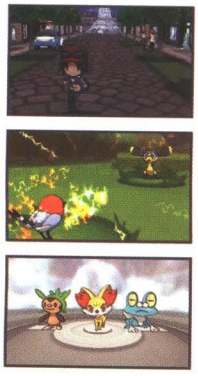

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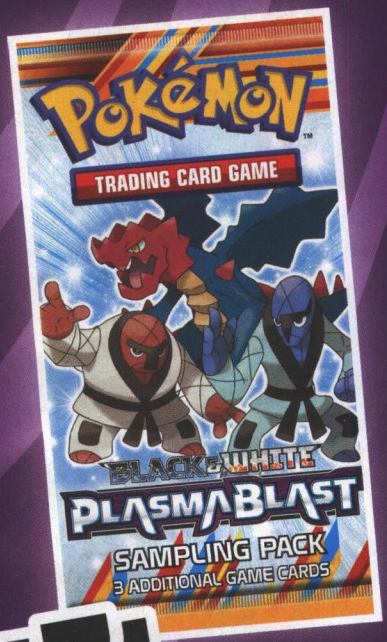

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Hello and welcome to the brand new edition of the Official Pokémon Magazine! This month's poster is a celebration of the latest nail-biting TV episode where Ash and friends take part in the Unova League Tournament. But even more exciting than that is our main free gift: a trading card sample pack for

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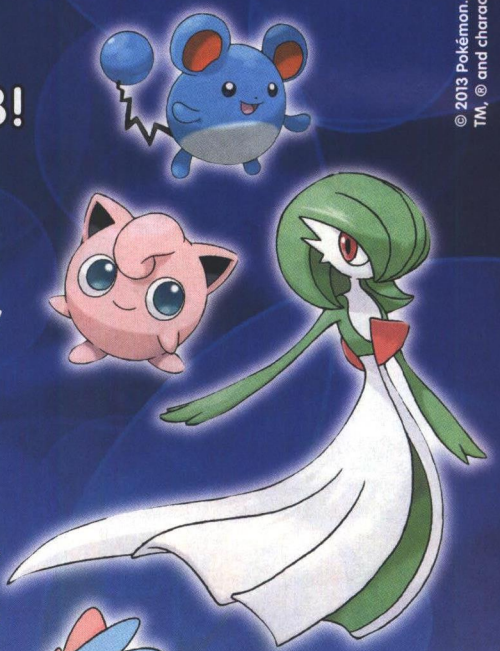
AMAZING NEW DETAILS!

The world embarks on its *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y* adventure on October 12, 2013!



Discover a new Pokémon Type and a new way to interact with Pokémon in the Next Evolution of Pokémon videogames.

The *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y* videogames will launch worldwide on Saturday October 12 2013 for the Nintendo 3DS family of systems. The simultaneous worldwide release of *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y* will allow new and veteran Pokémon fans around the globe the opportunity to battle and trade never-before-seen Pokémon and past favourites with each other immediately.

Also confirmed today is that the newly discovered Pokémon Sylveon is in fact a brand new type: a Fairy-type Pokémon. The first new type to be introduced in a Pokémon videogame in over a decade, Fairy-type Pokémon like Sylveon and their Fairy-type moves will be super effective against Dragon-type Pokémon! Prior to *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y*, only Dragon-type and Ice-type moves were super effective against Dragon-type Pokémon.

Fairy-type Pokémon will include not only newly discovered Pokémon like Sylveon, but also Pokémon from past titles like Gardevoir, Marill and Jigglypuff, which will be reclassified as Fairy-type Pokémon in *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y*. Fairy-type Pokémon, the 18th Pokémon type, will add a new dimension and strategy to battling in the new games.

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SYLVEON

More details about Sylveon, plus two never-before-seen Pokémon, have been revealed: The Fairy-type Sylveon is an Intertwining Pokémon that can manipulate its ribbon-like feelers at will and can emit from them an aura that can calm people and other Pokémon. It often wraps these feelers around the arm of its Trainer as it walks behind him or her. Sylveon can learn Moonblast, a new Fairy-type move debuting in *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y*. Moonblast calls on the power of the moon to attack an opposing Pokémon. This move can be very powerful and also lowers the opposing Pokémon's Attack stat.

NOIVERN

The Sound Wave Pokémon Noivern is a Flying-type and Dragon-type Pokémon that is extremely combative and will attack anything that wanders too close to it. Flying through the dark night with ease, Noivern uses the ultrasonic waves it emits from its ears to attack. These waves are so strong they can reduce large boulders to small pebbles. A new Normal-type move in *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y* that perfectly suits Noivern is Boomburst. This move emits an explosive sound wave that attacks all surrounding Pokémon with the resulting energy.

Beware! Boomburst will also strike any nearby allies, so consider the situation and your team's types before using it!

VIVILLON

Pokémon X and *Pokémon Y* will introduce the new Bug- and Flying-type Pokémon Vivillon. It's said there's a secret behind the colorful decorative pattern on Vivillon's wings, which it uses to scatter its scales or create a strong wind to attack. Vivillon can learn Struggle Bug, a Bug-type move that lowers the Special Attack of any opposing Pokémon it hits, so the move not only causes damage but also reduces the damage inflicted on Vivillon from certain moves during battle.

POKÉMON-AMIE

Pokémon X and *Pokémon Y* will also allow players to interact with their Pokémon in a whole new way in *Pokémon-Amie*. Playing and interacting with Pokémon that are in your team by using the Nintendo 3DS system's Touch Screen will build a stronger bond with them. Building this special bond with your Pokémon in *Pokémon-Amie* will only help players in their future battles.

For more information about *Pokémon X* and *Pokémon Y*, including new images and gameplay video featuring new information, please visit: www.pokemon.co.uk/XY

BLAST OFF!

Pokémon TRADING CARD GAME
Black & White PLASMA BLAST

New Anti-Plasma Power in the Plasma Blast Expansion!

The explosive Pokémon TCG: *Black & White – Plasma Blast* expansion is here, and it's focused on taking down Team Plasma! You have your choice of five strong anti-Plasma cards and better yet, many of them are connected to the Elite Four and the Pokémon League Champion. Here are our favorites! The recent expansions introduced Team Plasma Pokémon, Plasma Energy and powerful effects when you combined the two. Now the good guys get a boost… and it's about time!

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STAGE 2
Haxorus
HP 140
Evolves from Fraxure
Dragonaxe
40 ×
Does 40 damage times the amount of Energy attached to this Pokémon.
Strike of the Champion
If the Defending Pokémon is a Team Plasma Pokémon, it is Knocked Out. (If the Defending Pokémon is not a Team Plasma Pokémon, this attack does nothing.)
weakness
×2
resistance
retreat
Its tusks are incredibly destructive. They can easily slice through a thick, sturdy steel column every time.
Illus. Kouki Saitou
69/101 ★

LOOK AT THESE!

Drifblim (35/101) If your opponent is playing with any Team Plasma Pokémon, Drifblim's attacks can cost little or even no Energy! It's true. That Derail isn't some little 10- or 20-damage hit, either; it's a full 70-HP blast! Seeing this Balloon Pokémon in a new light yet? Golurk (46/101) This Stage 1 Pokémon clobbers opponents as if it were Stage 2! The Iron Fist of Justice attack does 60 damage for just ✱ ✱ as long as you have no Team Plasma Pokémon in play – a small price to pay! And that's not all – its Shadow Punch is also great, because it isn't affected by Resistance. It always does 80 damage, no matter what! Sawk (52/101) has always been all about the amazing attacks and *Plasma Blast* proves this true once again. The Kick of Righteousness does a rather limited 10 damage for ✱ – unless the target is a Team Plasma Pokémon. Then the Kick of Righteousness is a monster beatdown at 50 damage for a single ✱. Team Plasma gets a thrashing from Sawk every time! Houndoom (56/101) can bring a big attack no matter what but against Team Plasma its attack goes from 60 damage to 120 damage – and the Defending Team Plasma Pokémon is Burned as well! It's a howling good time! Haxorus (69/101): The Strike of the Champion attack costs just ● ✱, but it will Knock Out any Defending Team Plasma Pokémon. If the Defending Pokémon is not a Team Plasma Pokémon, Strike of the Champion does nothing but that's fine, because Haxorus has a perfectly good Dragonaxe attack as well!

MARK OF TRUBBISH TIPS

The absolutely crazy Sigilyph (41/101) gets even more amazing when you combine it with Trubbish (*Black & White – Plasma Storm*, 65/135). Sigilyph can have up to 4 Pokémon Tool cards attached, which makes it a very useful Swiss Army knife of options, as long as you include enough Tools and ways to find them in your deck. Depending on what you see in play, you can double up on Tool cards that provide attack, or combine attack and defense cards.To find the right Tools in your deck, use Skyla (*Black & White – Boundaries Crossed*, 134/149) to dig for any Trainer card you need or attack with Trubbish using the Pile Up attack, which lets you search your deck for any Tool card.

Attach the right Pokémon Tool to Sigilyph, and off you go! With Masquerain (2/100) and its Tool Reversal Ability, you have another trick up your sleeve: the Tool Reversal Ability helps you 'rescue' Tools from a Sigilyph that is about to be Knocked Out by returning a Tool to your hand (and of course, you can then attach it to another Pokémon). Even if you are not moving it from a weakened Pokémon, this gives you the option of re-attaching a Tool card to a Pokémon that can make better use of it. Your Sigilyph can even trade Pokémon Tools back and forth if Masquerain is around! That's not the only trick in the deck, of course! Drifblim's Derail attack does 70 damage for ✪ ✪ ✪ (or less, if your opponent plays with Team Plasma Pokémon). The best part of that attack is its power to discard Team Plasma Energy, Double Colorless Energy or other Special Energy cards attached to the Defending Pokémon. It's hard to make Team Plasma Pokémon battle to their full potential without Plasma Energy! Finally, the Level Ball (*Black & White – Next Destinies*, 89/99) is just great in this deck, since both of your key Pokémon (Sigilyph and Trubbish) have less than 100 HP. Use it to go find what you need!

THE MARK OF TRUBBISH

3x Surskit (1/101)
3x Masquerain (2/101)
4x Drifloon (34/101)
4x Drifblim (35/101)
4x Sigilyph (41/101)
4x Trubbish (*Black & White – Plasma Storm*, 65/135)
4x Caitlin (78/101)
4x Iris (81/101)
2x Skyla (*Black & White – Boundaries Crossed*, 134/149)
1x Rock Guard (*Black & White – Plasma Freeze*, 108/116)
2x Eviolite (*Black & White – Noble Victories*, 91/101)
3x Level Ball (*Black & White – Next Destinies*, 89/99)
2x Rocky Helmet (*Black & White – Boundaries Crossed*, 133/149)
2x Silver Bangle (88/101)
2x Silver Mirror (89/101)
12x Psychic Energy
4x Double Colorless Energy (*Black & White – Next Destinies*, 92/99)

This deck is meant to set up with a more-or-less expendable Trubbish or Drifloon while you dig through your deck to grab some Tool cards. It has one powerful source of anti-Plasma power (Drifblim and Silver Mirror), and also features some options for dealing with Team Plasma and Pokémon-*EX* in Sigilyph's Tool choices. That is, the Silver Mirror takes on Team Plasma, Silver Bangle helps Sigilyph tackle almost any Pokémon-*EX*, and Rocky Helmet damages an Attacking Pokémon. Your most amazing Tool card is your ACE SPEC Rock Guard (*Black & White – Plasma Freeze*, 108/116), which can Knock Out an opposing Pokémon while you're on defense. A huge boost against any attacker, especially when combined with Eviolite, Rocky Helmet, and Silver Mirror on just one Sigilyph!

OTHER OPTIONS

You could add in a Garbodor or two (*Black & White – Dragons Exalted*, 54/124, or the arguably stronger *Black & White – Noble Victories*, 49/101) so your Trubbish can evolve. The Dragons Exalted Garbodor cancels Sigilyph's Ability, though, so be very careful with that one! Other options include adding in some Darkness-type Pokémon to work with Dark Claw (*Black & White – Dark Explorers*, 92/108), or giving Sigilyph something else such as Float Stone (*Black & White – Plasma Freeze*, 99/116) or Rescue Scarf (*Black & White – Dragons Exalted*, 115/124). You might even swap out the Masquerain for some Golett/Golurk (45/101 and 46/101), Kyurem-*EX* (30/101), or Dialga-*EX* (85/101), just to see whether that power boost is worth the loss of speed. Keep on blasting!

THE NEW ANCIENTS: FOSSIL POKÉMON!

Six new Fossil Pokémon from millions of years ago are now available to be restored thanks to the *Plasma Blast* expansion! These are Lileep (3/101) and Cradily (4/101) as well as Archen (53/101), Archeops (54/101), Tirtouga (27/101), and Carracosta (28/101).

You may also want to look for Relicanth (24/101), which uses the Fossil Hunt attack to grab cards that have Fossil in their names from the discard pile.
All Fossils have their fans, but for pure power in your deck, Cradily is the best. Its Lifesplosion attack for helps you find multiple Stage 2 Pokémon in your deck and put them directly onto your Bench. There's no need to bother with Basic or Stage 1 Pokémon when Cradily comes to town!

The Fossil Pokémon have always been a fun part of the Pokémon TCG, but they've also been somewhat difficult to bring into play in a competitive way – but that's no longer the case! The new Prehistoric Call Ability allows you to take a Restored Pokémon from the discard pile and place it on the bottom of the deck.

Why would you want to? Well, from there, you just need Cover Fossil (79/101), Plume Fossil (82/101) or Root Fossil Lileep (87/101) to get your Restored Pokémon into play.

Better still, the new Supporter card Caitlin (78/101) lets you put any number of cards from your hand on the bottom of your deck in any order. That way, you can always get your Restored Pokémon into play fast!

For more information about the Pokémon TCG, please visit: www.pokemon.co.uk

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ZEBSTRIKA

Zebstrika moves like lightning and echoes like thunder when it runs at top speed. Whenever this short-tempered Pokémon gets angry, lightning shoots from its mane in all directions.

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Here's all the info you need to know about this Pokémon:

Type: Electric
Height: 1.6 m
Weight: 79.5 kg

Evolutions:

Blitzle

Zebstrika

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BRAVIARY

This brave warrior battles for its friends with no thought for its own safety. The more scars a Braviary has, the more its peers respect it. It can fly while carrying a car!

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Here's all the info you need to know about this Pokémon:

Type: Normal-Flying
Height: 1.5 m
Weight: 41.0 kg

Evolutions:
Rufflet

Braviary

Pokémon BW Adventures in Unova

Our heroes finally find themselves in Vetress City, home of the awesome Unova League! How will Ash and friends fare?

CURTAIN UP, UNOVA LEAGUE! PART 1

"I'm so psyched!" yells Ash. But his mood is quickly changed by a sudden commotion. "Out of my way, out of my way, out of my way, OUT OF MY WAAAAY!!" yells someone as they crash into Ash. It's Bianca!

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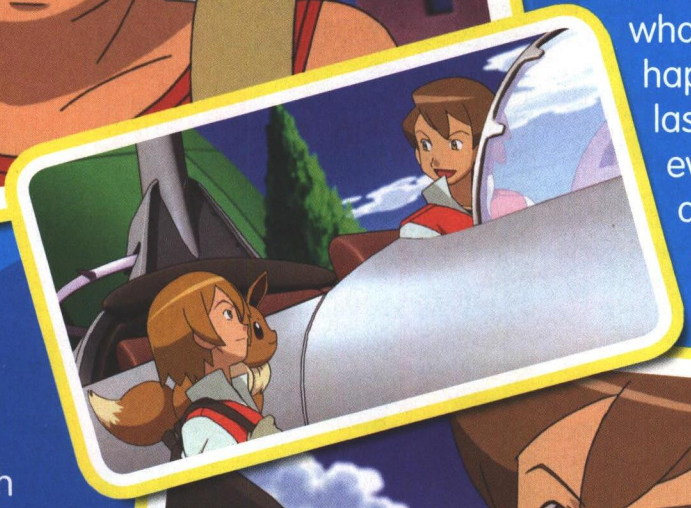
You need 8 Gym badges to quality for the Unova League so that must mean that Bianca earned them.

"It looked like I wouldn't have enough badges to enter the Unova League but I worked really, really hard!" wheezes Bianca. "Ash, how have you been?"

"Hard to say after you slammed into me like that..." moans Ash.

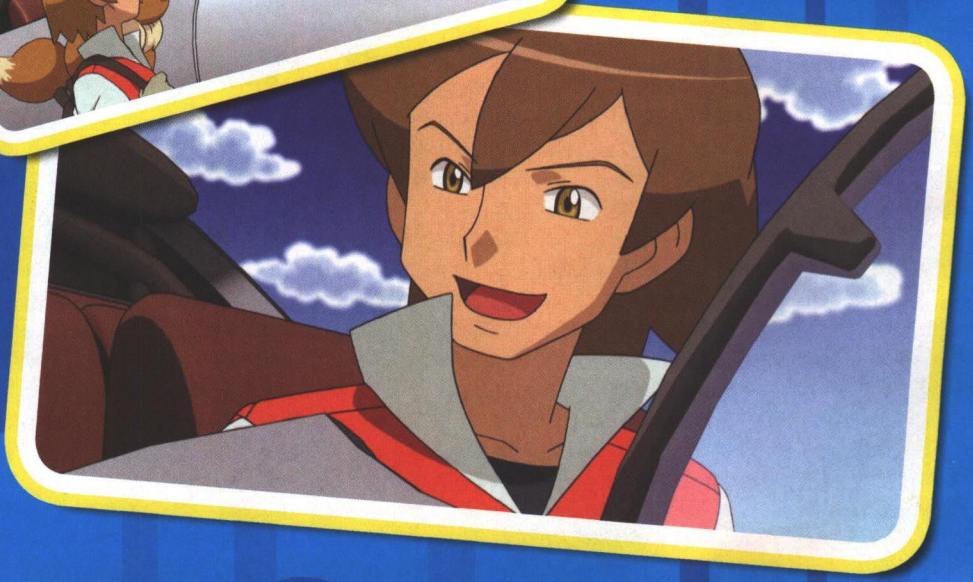
Bianca quickly makes her apologies. Before long they spot another friend, Stephen. The friends catch up on what's been happening since they last met but there are even more appearances to come.!



It's Virgil from the Pokémon Rescue Squad! He's here to compete with Team Eevee.

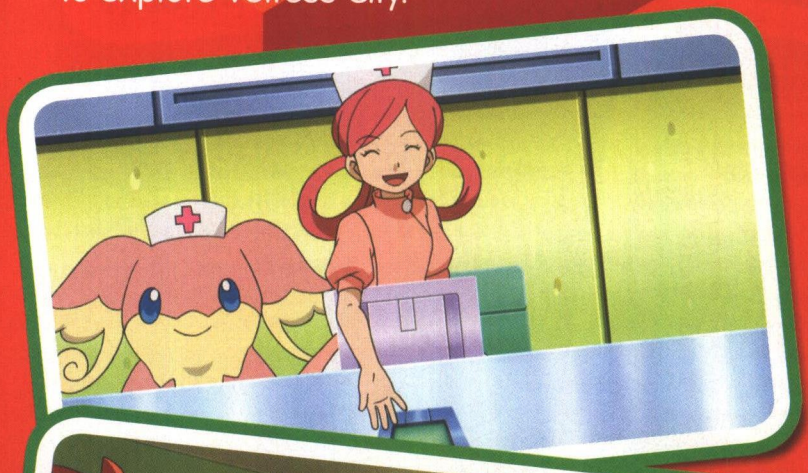
"So Ash, have you been to registration yet?", asks Stephen. "Not yet..." begins Ash.

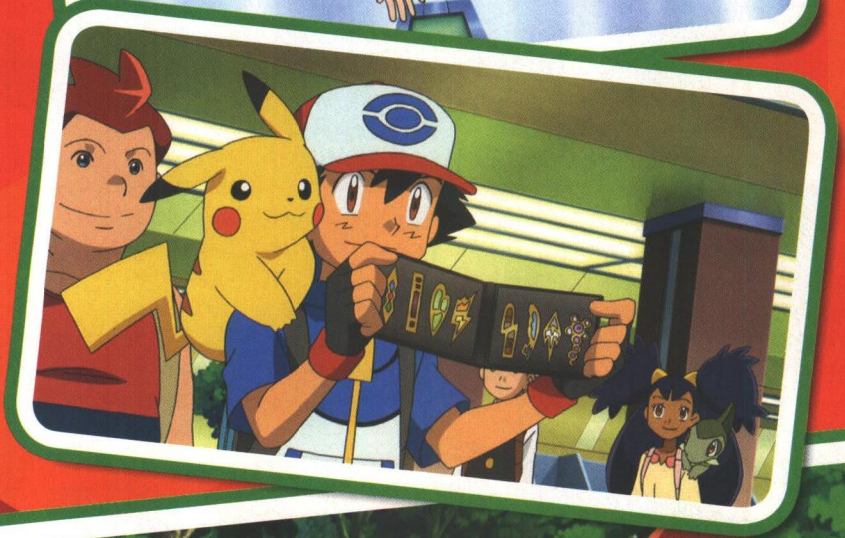
The friends head off together to find the registration desk.



On the way to the registration desk Ash bumps into Trip, a Pokémon Trainer who has beaten Ash before. Ash is determined to win if he battles him again! Nurse Joy is at the registration desk.

"Please show me your Gym badges and then scan your Pokédex right here on this screen!" she asks the friends. The friends do as they're told and set off to explore Vetress City.





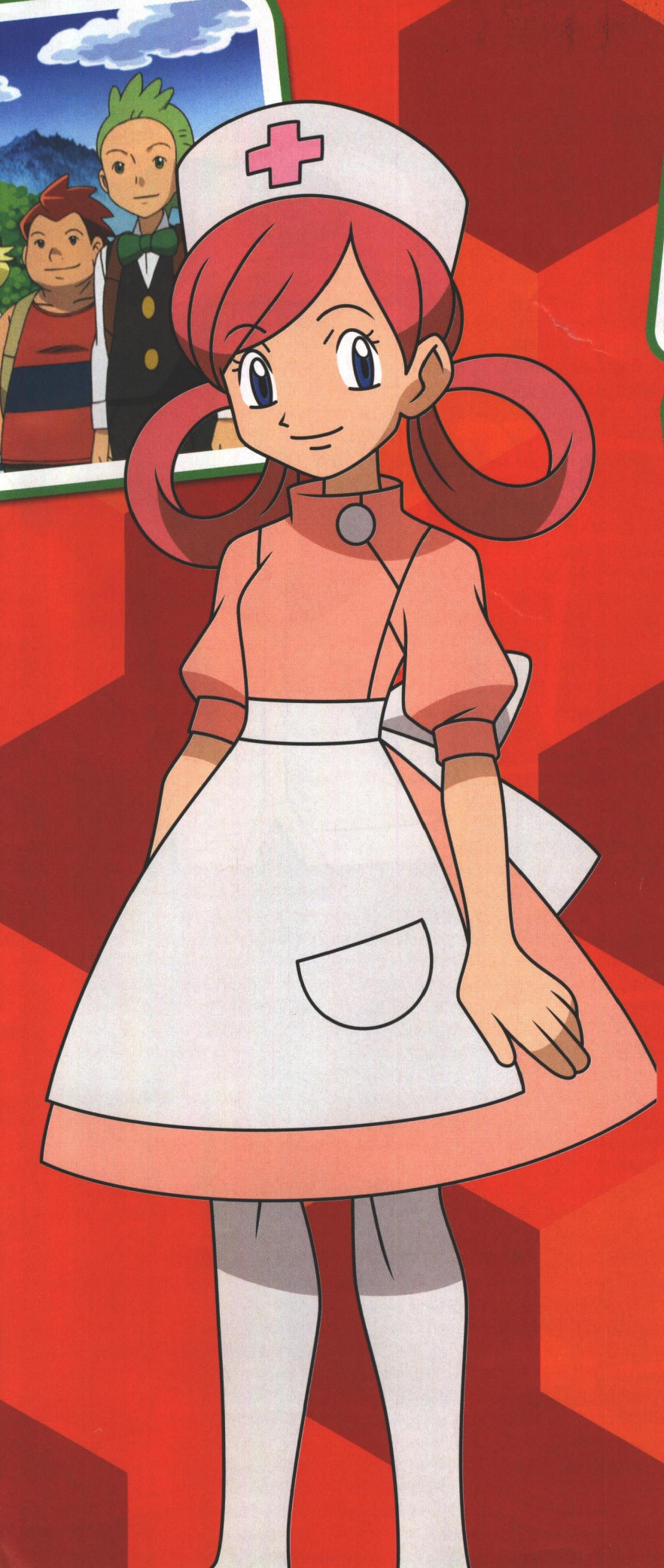
Before long Iris spots a tent. "That's awesome! Talk about roughing it..." jokes Ash.

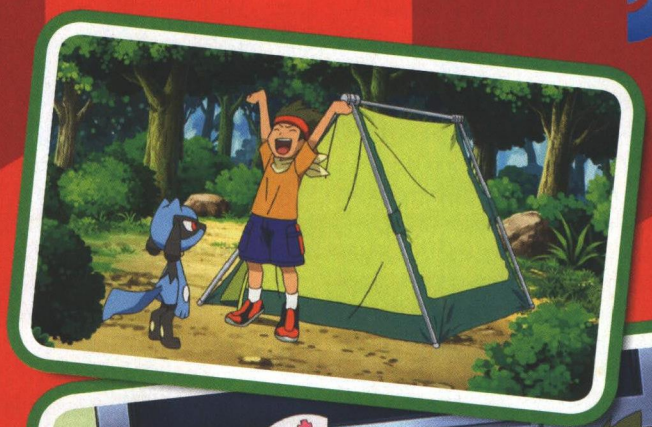
It turns out to be Cameron!

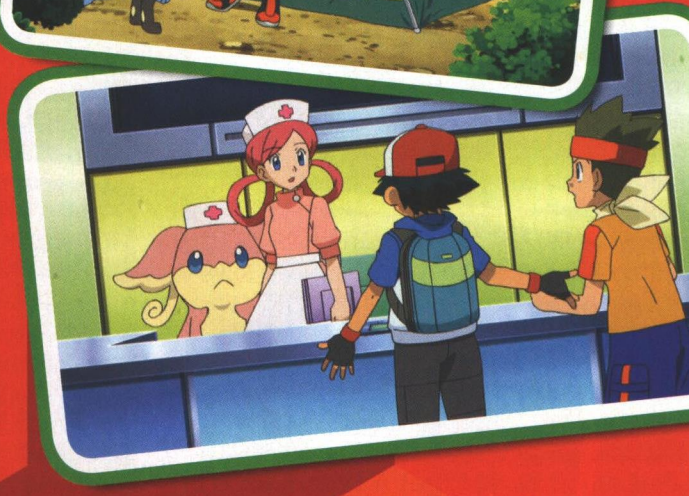
"Why camp out when, after you're registered, they give you a room?" asks Iris.

"What do you mean?" asks Cameron. "What's a 'registered'? Some sort of new Pokémon?"

Cameron has been here for three days and he hasn't even registered! Just then an







announcement rings out... "Registration for the Vetress City Unova League is now over."

The group sprint to Nurse Joy's desk.

"Please, Nurse Joy! Pretty please?", chime in the gang together.

After much pleading Nurse Joy gives in and makes an exception for Cameron.

Cameron got really lucky but he already has other things on his mind. "Hey Ash, I brought a secret weapon with me to use in the Unova League!"

But Cameron is teasing Ash and he won't let up what the secret is. With that, the friends head off to try and get some rest before the big day.

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Ash is having trouble getting to sleep and while he tries to doze off he daydreams about all the adventures they've had leading up to this point.

Ash and Pikachu think back to some of their greatest battle with Gym Leaders such as Cress, Lenora, Burgh, Clay, Skyla and Roxie.

"You know? All those Gym Leaders got us here… ", says Ash.
"Pikachu? We'll win this for all of them! We're gonna show them what we're made of, right buddy?"

Pikachu firmly agrees. With that, the friends grab so much needed rested for the big day ahead.

COMPETITION TIME!

Snap up a cool Pokémon Prize!

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WIN A COPY OF THE GAME THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT: *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Gates To Infinity!*

The Nintendo 3DS is really hot property right now, especially if you're a Pokémon fan because it's now home to the latest game in the Pokémon Mystery Dungeon series! So if you fancy being turned into a Pokémon and getting a completely different point of view, this is the competition for you!

We have five copies of the brand new Nintendo 3DS game to give away. In order to stand a chance of winning all you have to do is email us on: pokemon@futurenet.com

Remember to use the subject heading of: Issue 6 Competition

Five winners will be picked at random and you could be one of them.
Good luck everyone!

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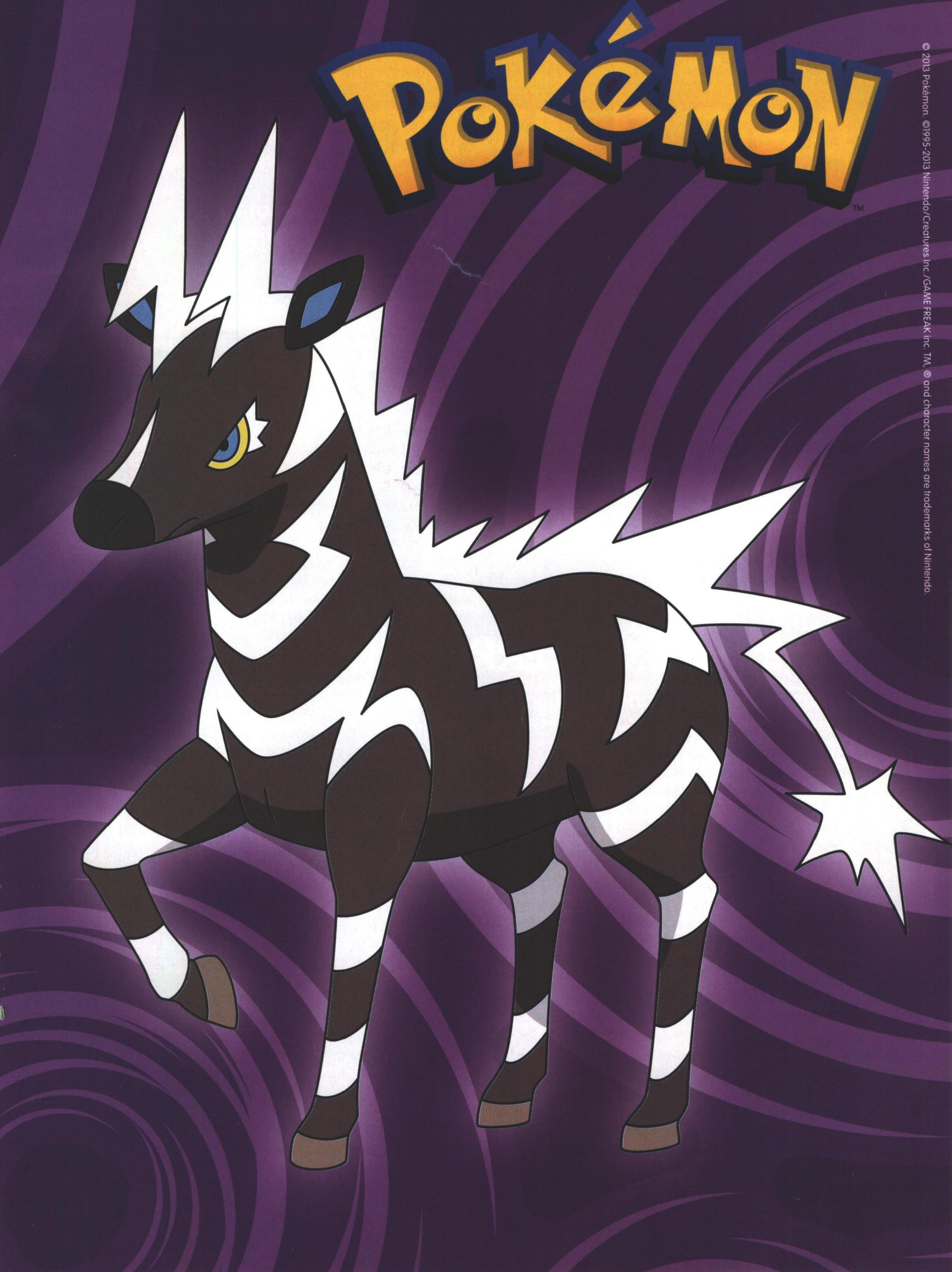

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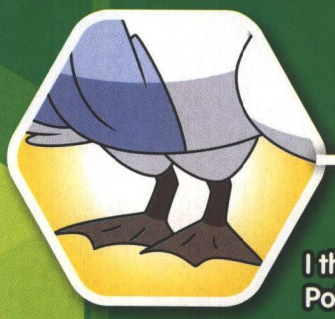
NAME THAT POKÉMON!

Can you identify a Pokémon from just one body part? Some of these are pretty tough so this is going to be a real show of skill! Write the names in the boxes and check your answers on page 34.



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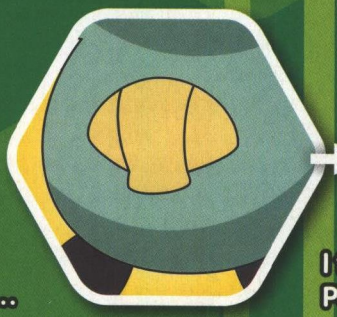

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A PAGE FULL OF FERROTHORN!

Uh oh! Something has gone drastically wrong and there are Ferrothorn everywhere! Count them up for us and write your answer below. Be careful: all those thorns will play tricks on your eyes!

I count _____ Ferrothorn.

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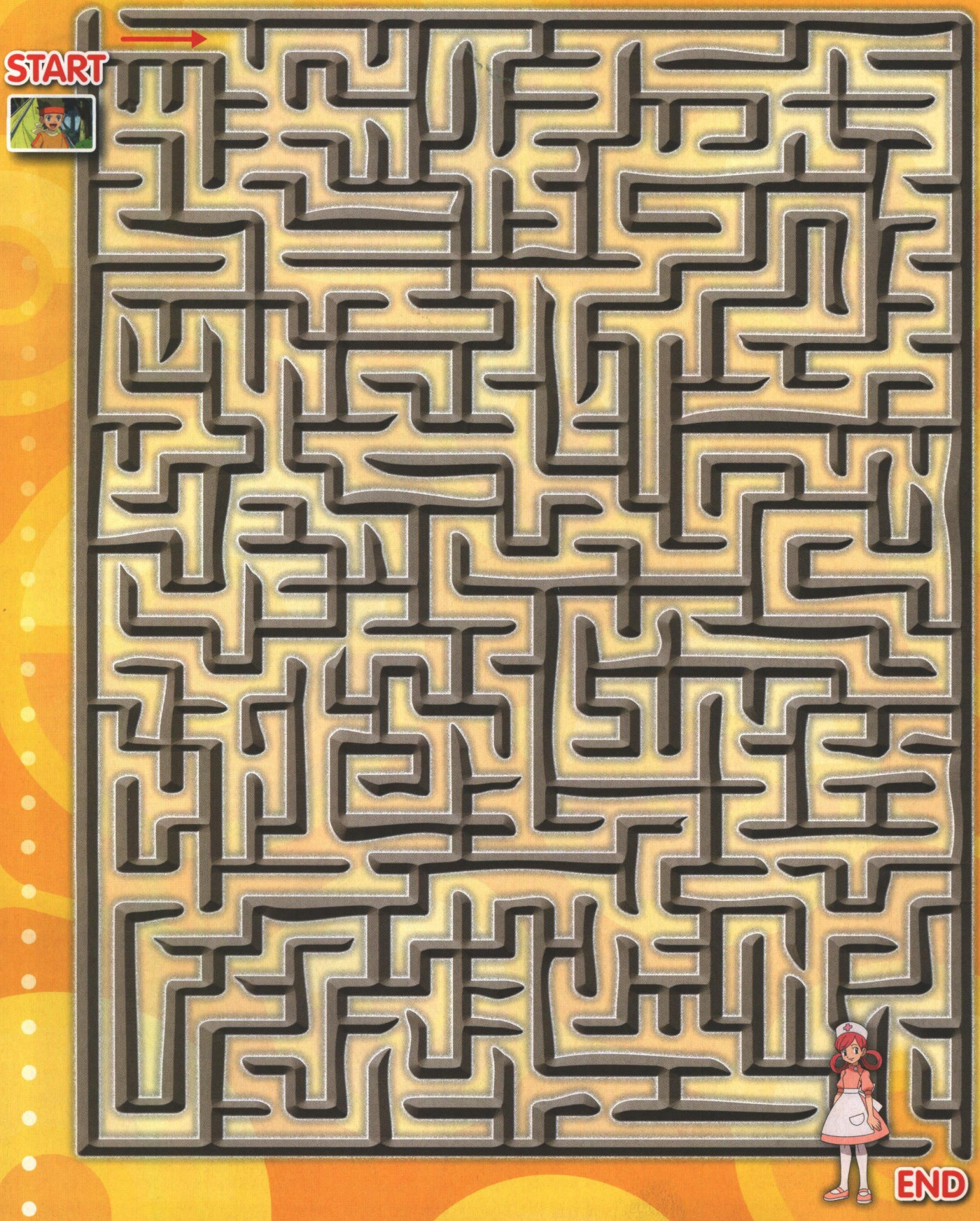
UNOVA LEAGUE MAZE!

Can you get Cameron to Nurse Joy's registration desk in time!?



Pokémon BW Adventures in Unova

The big day is finally here and the crowd is going wild!
None other than Freddy The Scoop drops in from the sky via parachute to make the announcements and introduce the event to the crowd!

"Greetings! Freddy The Scoop is here and ready to roll!", bellows Freddy.

With that, he turns to face the awesome Flame Cauldron, which is lit by none other than Vetress City's very own Officer Jenny.

First up, it's the qualifying rounds, where Trainers are only allowed one Pokémon. The qualifying match-ups are up and Ash has been drawn to battle none other than Trip! What a coincidence!

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Freddy announces the first match-up...

"Our first qualifying round is Stephen versus Radley!"

Radley uses Braviary while Stephen calls upon Zebstrika. It's an intense battle but Zebstrika's Thunderbolt and

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Giga Impact make short work of Braviary, despite Radley's continued use of Air Slash.

"Stephen is the winner of the first battle on the Green Field!" announces Freddy.

Next up it's Bianca versus Mikael (Bianca is using Emboar and Mikael is using Watchdog) and Virgil versus Ultimo (Virgil is using Vaporeon and Ultimo is using Crustle). Both our heroes are really struggling but the most intense battle is just about to begin!

"Now, on the Green Field, the third battle of the Qualifier Round is Ash versus Trip!" booms Freddy.

"You ready Trip?!", beams Ash.

"Of course!" replies Trip.
"Now let's just see how much stronger you are..."

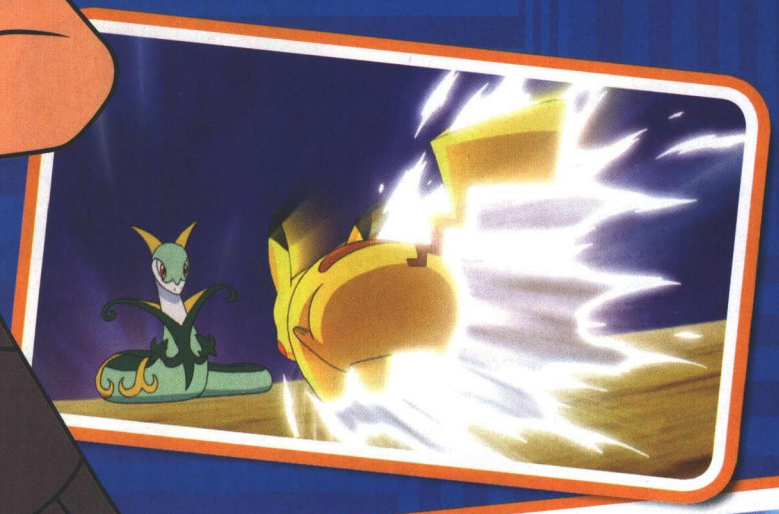
Trip is using Serperior and, of course, we all know who Ash is using... "Pikachu! I choose YOU!" shouts Ash.

Everyone starts to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the two Pokémon. Iris is shocked by Ash's decision but Cilan reminds her that Pikachu has always been Ash's 'main ingredient'.

"Yeah, I know, but Electric-type moves aren't very effective against a Grass type..." says a worried Iris.

But Cilan is confident. "I'd say he's chosen momentum over advantage! A very Ash-like strategy!"
"I'm sure Ash is well aware of Serperior's speed. He's got some kind of plan!" claims Cilan.

The battle is on. Ash uses Quick Attack but Serperior easily dodges it! Pikachu struggles to its feet before a frustrated Ash goes for Iron Tail.



"This time we won't miss!", shouts Ash.

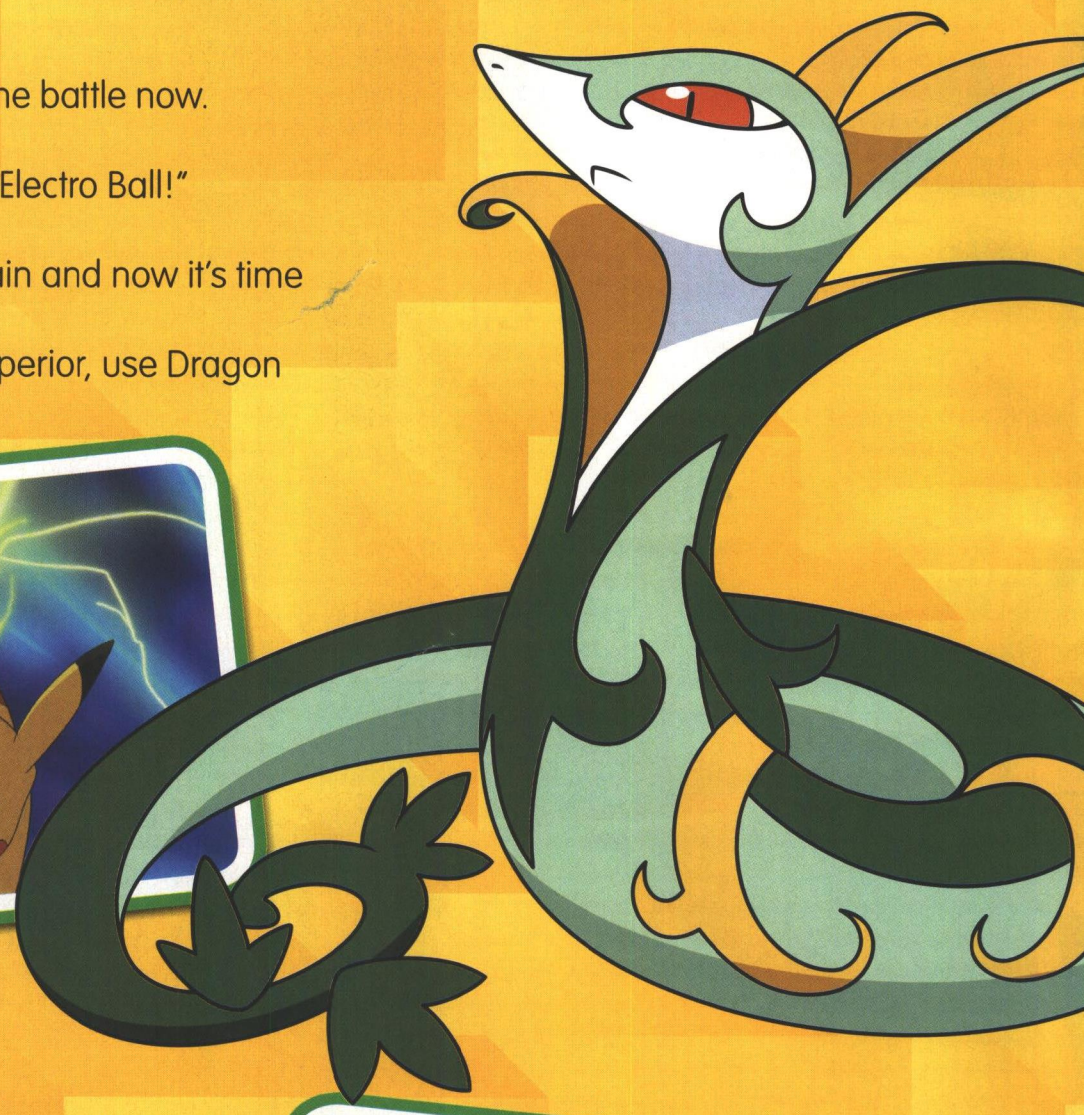
But Serperior dodges Pikachu's attack for a second time!

It's not looking great for Pikachu as Serperior's superior speed is really causing problems. Now what!?

Ash is really getting into the battle now.

"No letting up... Pikachu, Electro Ball!"

But Serperior dodges again and now it's time for Trip to attack!
"Ok. Now it's my turn! Serperior, use Dragon Tail!" commands Trip.



It's a hit and Pikachu is slammed to the ground!
"Pikachu, no!" screams Ash.

The Unova League Tournament is finally underway. If Ash loses he won't be able to advance to the main Unova League battles! Will Pikachu be able to defeat Serperior?! Find out next time!

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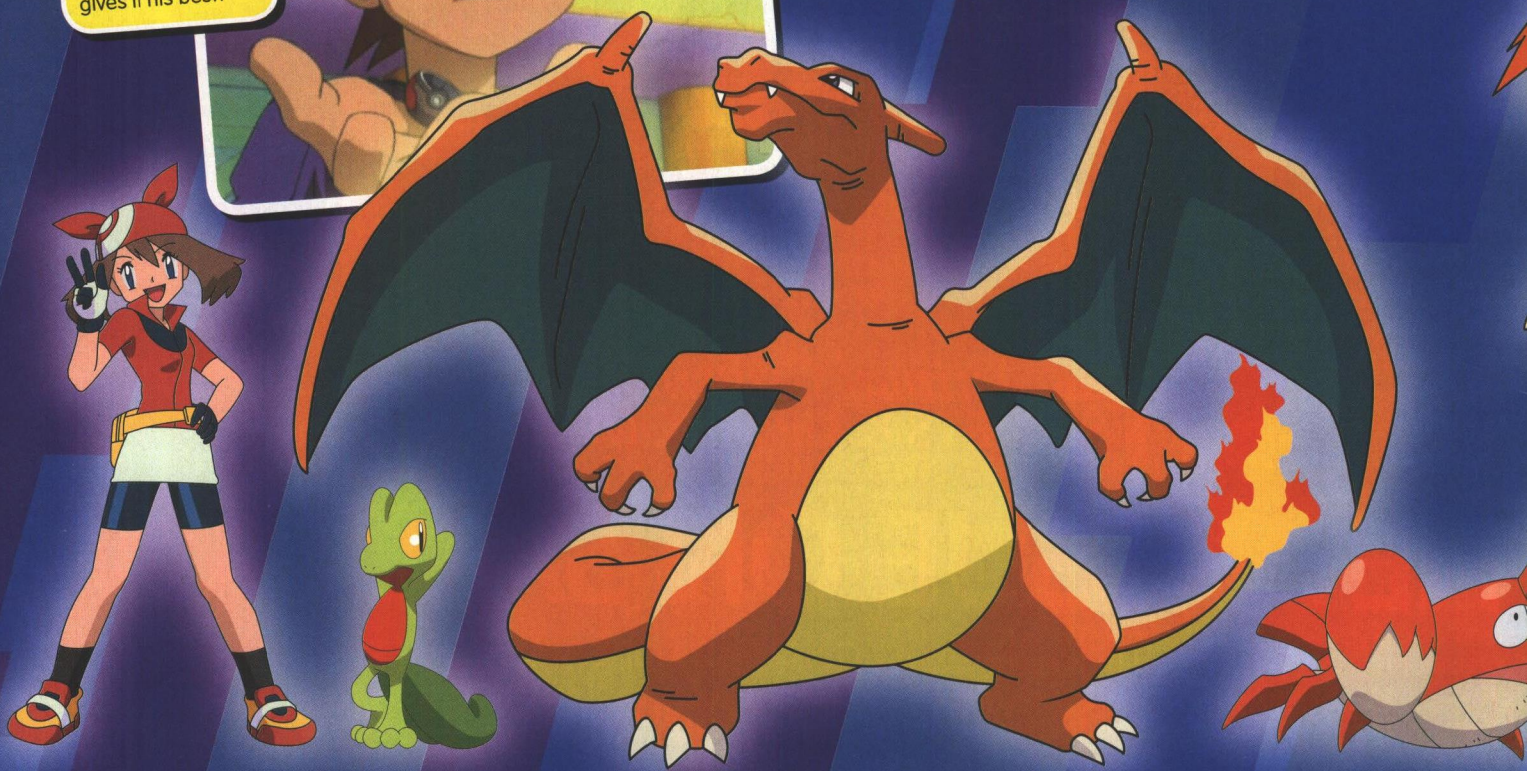
JOHTO LEAGUE

Finally, after a long and amazing journey, Ash Ketchum gets to compete in the Johto League!

PART 6

ASH VS. GARY!

Ash finally gets to enter the Johto League, and when he does, he comes face to face with his long-time rival, Gary! Ash defeats Gary, but it doesn't mean he won the tournament! He still must face Harrison, a tough Trainer from Hoenn with an even tougher Blaziken! Ash sends up his Charizard, and after a heroic struggle, Harrison's Blaziken ends up winning. But even though Ash lost the Johto League tournament, he still feels good that he gave it his best shot!



CHAMPIONSHIP!

When the tournament is finished, Misty returns to the Cerulean Gym, and Brock goes back home. Ash is sad to see them go, but his quest to become a Pokémon Master is not yet finished! He decides to go to the Hoenn region, where more adventures await! There, he meets new friends, like Professor Birch and May, as well as meet new villains, like Team Magma and Team Aqua! And of course, he still has to contend with the vile plans of Team Rocket!

The friends will always support each other.

Whatever happens, they'll always have each other.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

- Ash defeats Gary in the Johto League!
- Ash goes to a new region – Hoenn!
- Ash meets May
- Ash catches a Taillow
- Ash catches a Treecko
- Ash catches a Corphish
- Brock returns to the group!

QUIZ TIME!

Were you paying attention in this month's Adventure section? Did you follow Ash and pals to Vertress City? Of course you did and here's your chance to show just how much attention you were paying!

1 **Who slams into Ash at the start of the episode?**

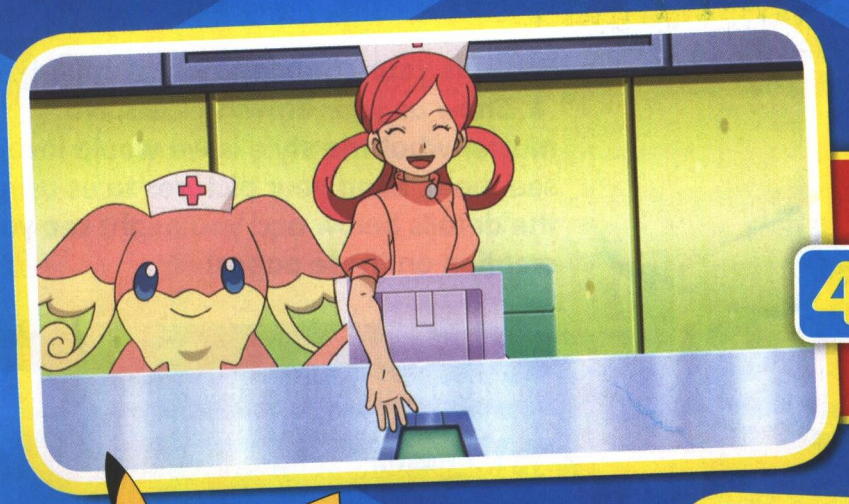
A) Axew
B) Bianca
C) Stephen

2 **What squad does Virgil belong to?**

R) Pokémon Rescue Squad
S) Team Rocket Search Squad
T) Professor Oaks' Fishing Squad

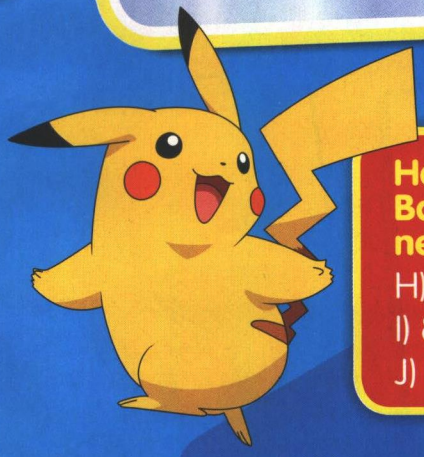
3 **Who completely forgets to register for the tournament?**

A) Cameron
B) Ash
C) Pikachu



4 Who is looking after the Registration Desk?

T) Virgil
U) Professor Oaks
V) Nurse Joy



5 How many Gym Badges do you need to qualify?

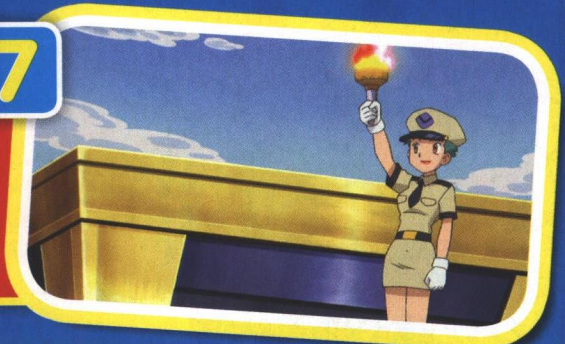
H) 5
I) 8
J) 10

6 Who announces the battles for the Unova League?

A) Freddy The Scoop
B) Nurse Joy
C) Iris

7 Who lights the Flame Cauldron?

Q) Freddy The Scoop
R) Officer Jenny
S) Trip



8 Who does Ash battle first?

X) Kendrik
Y) Trip
Z) Cameron

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Solution word:

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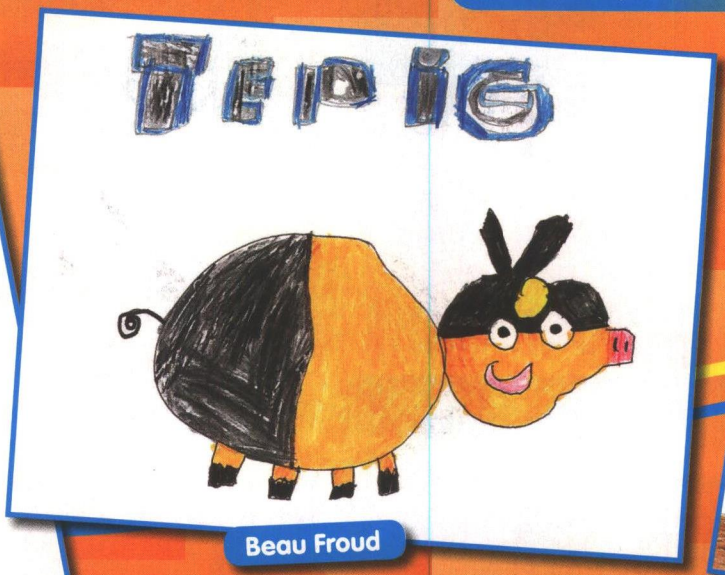

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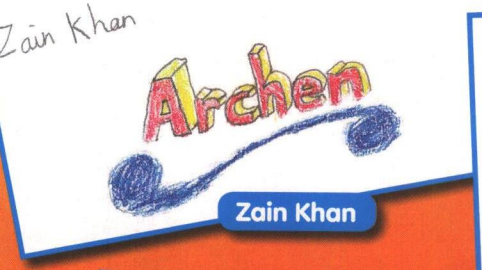

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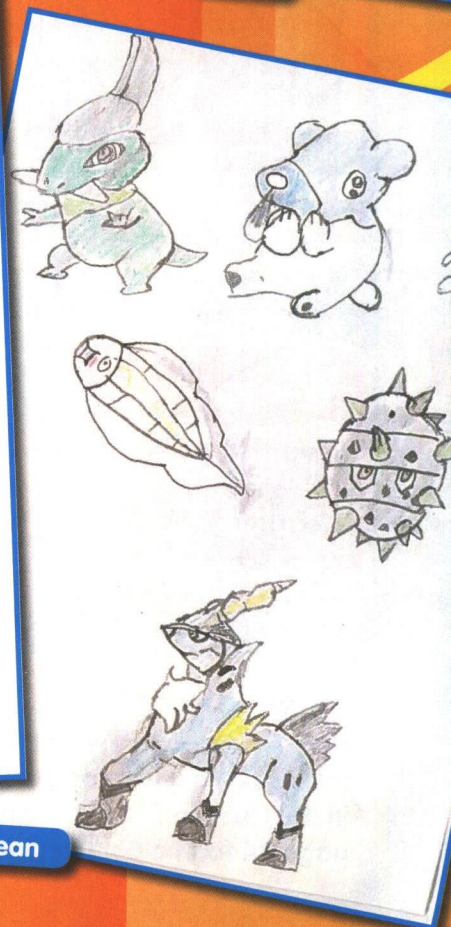

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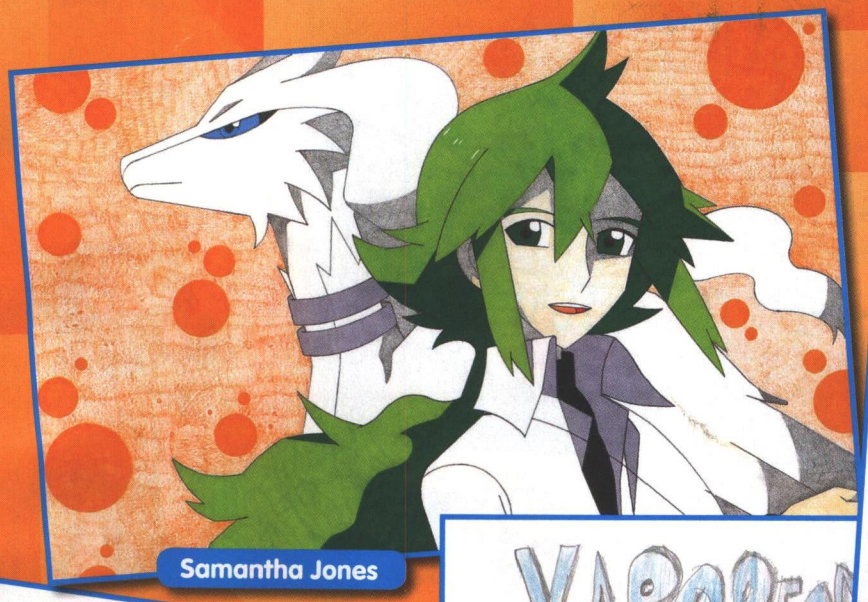

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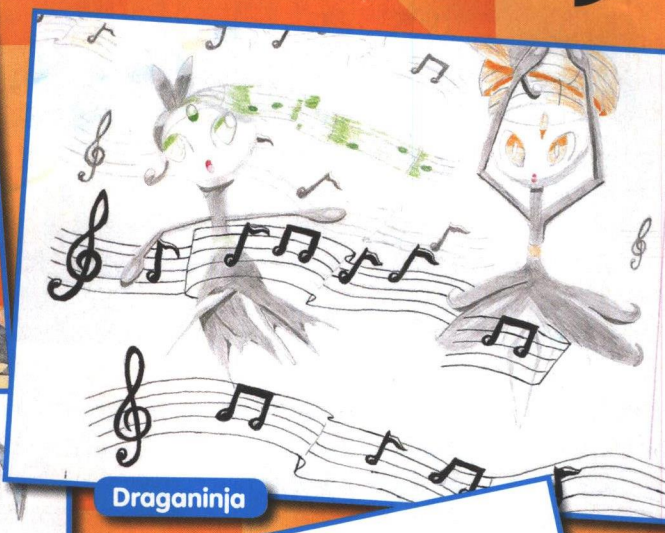
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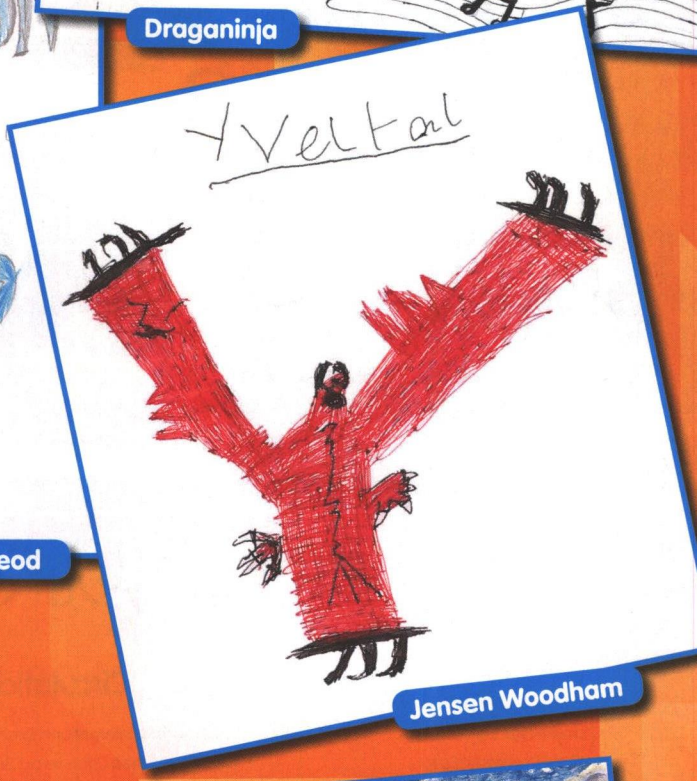

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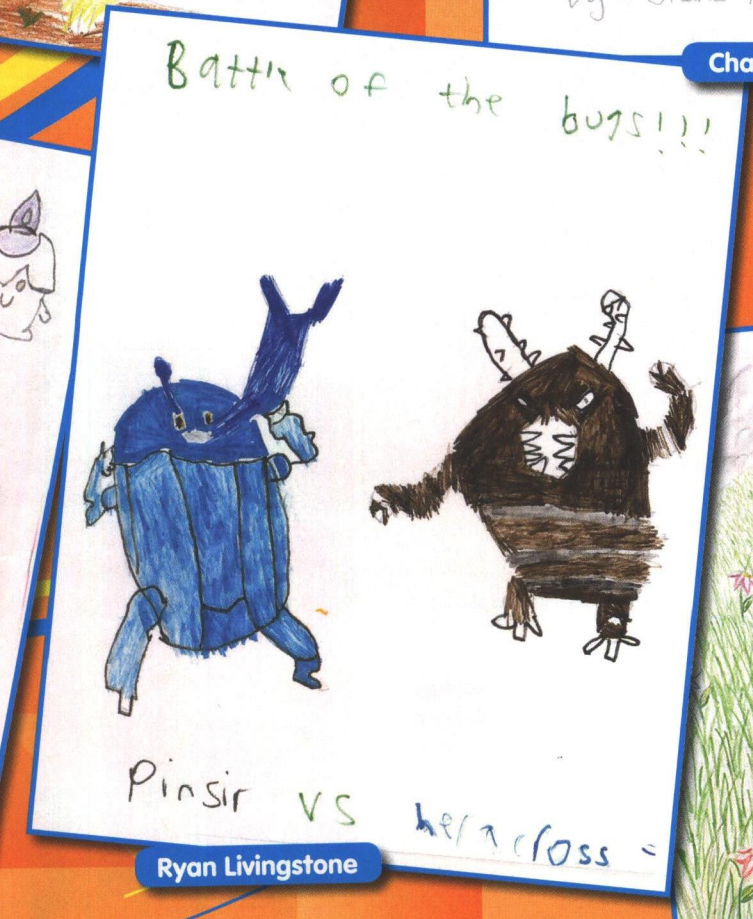

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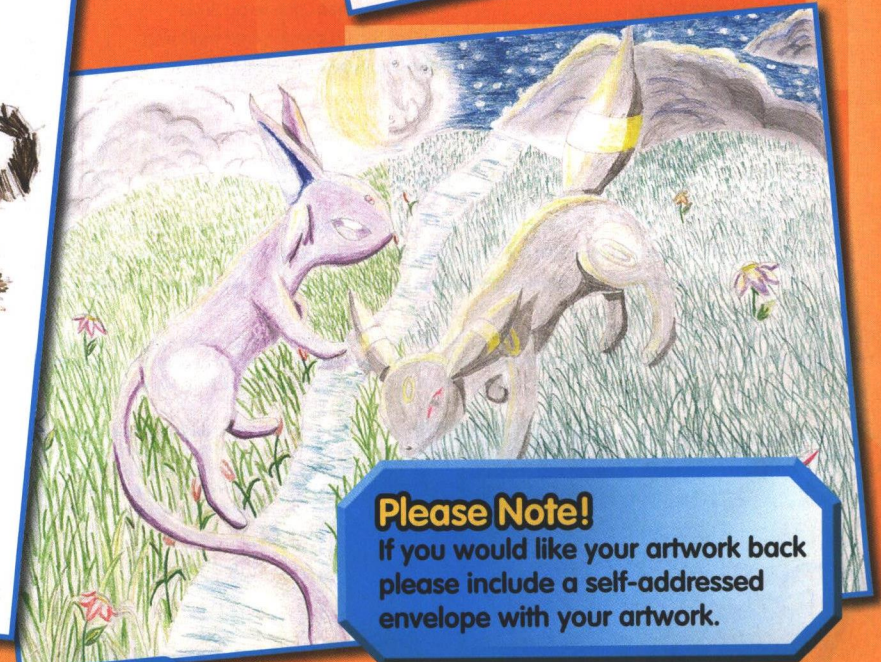

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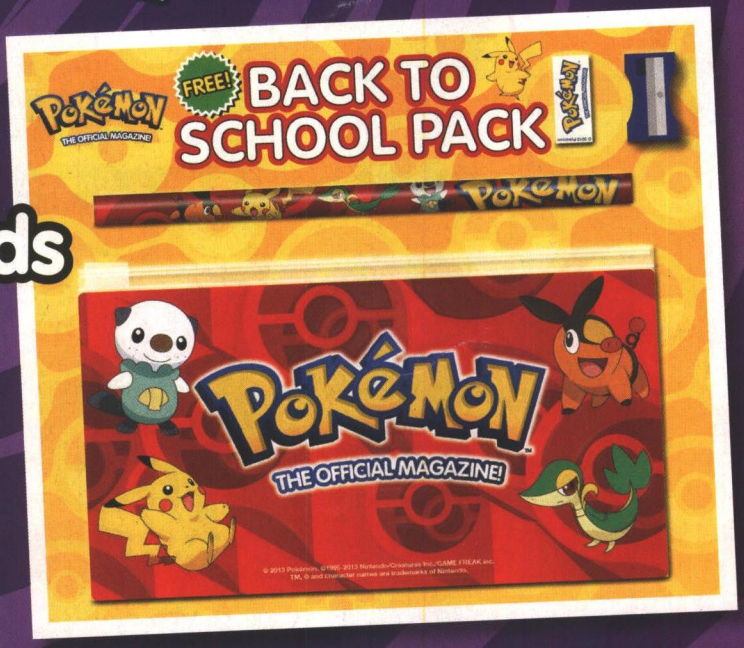

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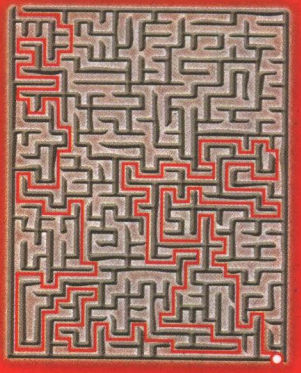

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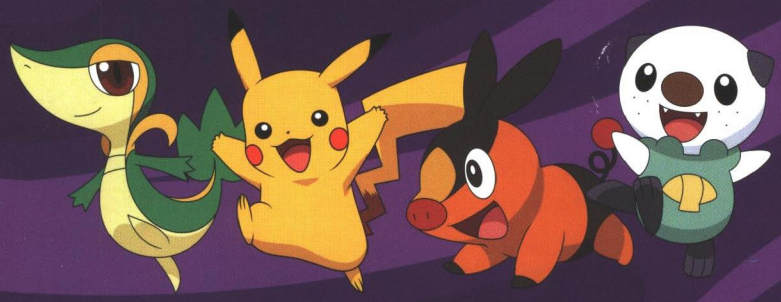

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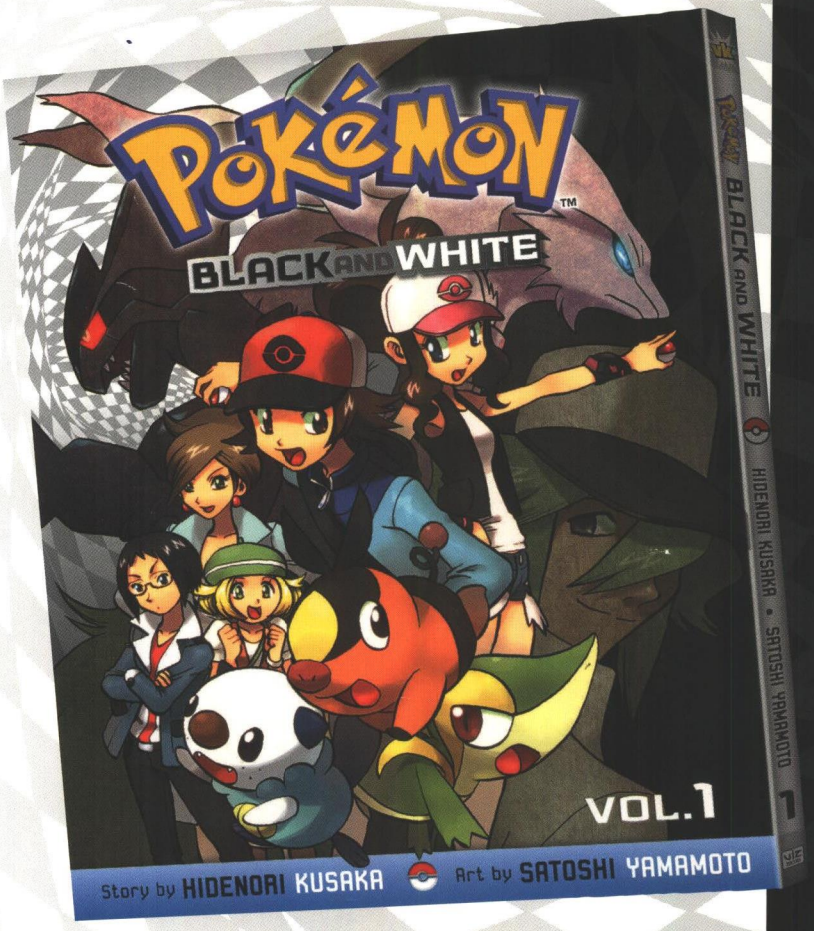

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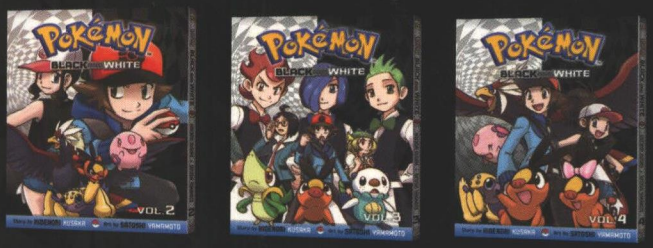

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